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SUBJECT: MOOSE-WAIYAKI CONVERSATION IN NEW YORK

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE HAD SEPTEMBER 29 LUNCHEON MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH KENYAN FONMIN WAIYAKI IN WHICH THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF US/UK RHODESIAN INITIATIVE (NOTAL SEPTTEL) AND WAIYAKI'S MEETING THAT MORNING WITH SOMALI FONMIN. WAIYAKI ALSO TOUCHED ON KENYAN RELATIONS WITH
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TANZANIA AND SUDAN. HE DID NOT RAISE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT US ECONOMIC OR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO KENYA.

2. WAIYAKI SAID SOMALI FONMIN ABDURAHMAN JAMA BARRE THAT MORNING HAD SHOWN CONCERN THAT KENYA MIGHT ATTACK SOMALIA AND HAD ASKED SEVERAL TIMES WHETHER KENYA WOULD ATTACK. WAIYAKI SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD BARRE KENYA WOULD NOT DO SO AND

ASSURED BARRE THAT KENYA WAS NOT ALLOWING THE TRANSPORT OF ARMS THROUGH KENYA FOR ETHIOPIA. PRESENCE OF UNIFORMED BUT NON-MILITARY NATIONAL YOUTH CORPS ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NEAR SOMALI BORDER APPARENTLY HAD MADE SOMALIS JITTERY. BARRE BROACHED POSSIBILITY OF SOMALI-KENYAN PEACE PACT, TO WHICH WAIYAKI REPLIED THAT SOMALIA WOULD FIRST HAVE TO PUBLICLY RENOUNCE ANY CLAIM TO KENYAN TERRITORY. BARRE REPORTEDLY SAID SOMALIA WAS NOT PREPARED TO GO THAT FAR. HE TOLD BARRE THAT SOMALIA SHOULD DEAL WITH MODERATES

SUCH AS HIMSELF AS FUTURE KENYAN OFFICIALS MAY ADOPT MUCH HARDER LINE.

3. WAIYAKI TOLD MOOSE FONMIN BARRE APPEARED NERVOUS ABOUT UNFOLDING OGADEN MILITARY SITUATION, CONTINUING SOVIET SUPPLY TO ETHIOPIA AND DWINDLING SOVIET SUPPLY TO SOMALIA, BUT THAT HE REFUSED TO ADMIT SOMALI REGULAR FORCES ARE IN ETHIOPIA. WAIYAKI SAID SOVIETS WERE ONLY FULFILLING EXISTING ARMS COMMITMENTS TO SOMALIA AND THAT THEIR SUPPORT WAS ENDING. WAIYAKI SAID KENYAN MILITARY, WHICH QUITE LEARY OF POSSIBLE SUPPLY OF WESTERN ARMS TO SOMALIA, ANXIOUS TO MOVE AGAINST SOMALIS BUT PRESIDENT KENYATTA HAD GIVEN STRICT ORDERS AGAINST SUCH ACTION. FONMIN DID NOT PROBE MOOSE'S CATEGORICAL DENIAL OF NEWS-WEEK ARTICLE ALLEGING THAT US HAD ENCOURAGED SOMALI OGADEN MOVE. WAIYAKI DESCRIBED SOMALIS AS TOTALLY UN-CONFIDENTIAL

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4. MOOSE RAISED POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED OAU INITIATIVE TO HALT OGADEN FIGHTING AND ASKED WHAT AFRICANS MIGHT POSSIBLY DO TO ADVANCE MEDIATION. IT WAS NOTED THAT CONTINUING CONFLICT RAISED DANGERS OF EXPANSION OF WAR TO DJIBOUTI AND BROADER PARTICIPATION. WAIYAKI WAS DUBIOUS THAT EITHER ETHIOPIA OR SOMALIA WOULD GRANT AUTONOMY TO OGADEN AND SAID THAT ONLY SOMALI WITHDRAWAL TO ITS FRONTIERS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ETHIOPIANS. HE CREDITED SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND THE SUDAN WITH HAVING THE MOST INFLUENCE WITH PRESIDENT SIAD AND SUGGESTED THAT EGYPTIAN FONMIN FAHMY WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TALKING WITH IN THAT REGARD. PARENTHETICALLY, WAIYAKI SAID KENYA DRAWING CLOSER TO SUDAN NOWADAYS.

5. IN SPEAKING OF ETHIOPIA WAIYAKI SAID THAT AS RESULT KENYA-ETHIOPIAN BORDER COMMISSION MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA EARLIER IN MONTH HE HAD OBTAINED IMPRESSION ETHIOPIAN MODERATES WERE RE-THINKING THE WISDOM OF THEIR BREAK WITH THE US. HE HAD REMARKED TO THEM ABOUT SEVERITY OF MEDIA ATTACKS ON US AND THAT MEDIA SINCE HAD BEEN MUTED. WAIYAKI

RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF DIRE DAWA MILITARILY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY TO MENGISTU REGIME AS WELL AS ETHIOPIAN NEED TO KEEP ROAD TO ASSAB PORT OPEN.

6. WAIYAKI MENTIONED THAT HE HAD MET IN NEW YORK WITH TANZANIAN FONMIN MKAPA. WAIYAKI SAID THAT MEETING SEEMED TO THAW THEIR PERSONAL RELATIONS, BUT WAIYAKI COMMENTS TO MOOSE INDICATED NO PROGRESS IN THE OFFING ON SETTling THEIR OUTSTANDING EAC AND BORDER PROBLEMS. CHRISTOPHER

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